

FOOD PRODUCTION PROGRAM

*Exchange of notes at San José August 27 and October 5, 1948, modifying and extending agreement of February 20 and 27, 1948¹
Entered into force October 5, 1948; operative from June 30, 1948
Program expired June 30, 1960*

62 Stat. 3916; Treaties and Other
International Acts Series 1992

*The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Acting Minister of Foreign
Affairs and Worship*

No. 175

SAN JOSÉ, August 27, 1948

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to the Basic Agreement between the Government of Costa Rica and the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, embodied in the exchange of correspondence between the representative of the Institute and the Secretary of State in the Office of Agriculture of Your Excellency's Government, dated October 14 and 15, 1942,² respectively, as later modified and extended,³ which provided for the initiation and execution of the existing cooperative program of agriculture in Costa Rica. Also I refer to Your Excellency's note no. 1425-B of August 27, 1948, suggesting the consideration by our respective governments of a further extension of that Agreement.

As Your Excellency knows, the agreement under reference provides that the cooperative program of agriculture will terminate on June 30, 1948. However, considering the mutual benefits which both governments are deriving from the program, my government agrees with the Government of Costa Rica that an extension of such program would be desirable. I have been advised by the Department of State in Washington that arrangements may now be made for the Institute to continue its participation in the cooperative program for a period of one year, from June 30, 1948 through June 30, 1949. It would be understood that, during such period of extension, the Institute would make a contribution of \$75,000.00 U.S. currency to the Servicio Technico Interamericano de Cooperacion Agricola for use in carrying out project activities of the program on condition that Your Excellency's Government would con-

¹ TIAS 1772, *ante*, p. 1091.

² Not printed.

³ TIAS 1772, *ante*, p. 1091.

tribute to the Servicio for the same purpose the sum of Colones /420,000.00. The Institute would also be willing during the same extension period to make available an amount not exceeding \$123,395.00 U.S. Currency to be retained by the Institute, and not deposited to the account of the Servicio, for payment of salaries and other expenses of the members of the Institute Food Supply Division Field Staff, who are maintained by the Institute in Costa Rica. The amounts referred to would be in addition to the sums already required under the present Basic Agreement to be contributed and made available by the parties in furtherance of the program.

If your Excellency agrees that the proposed extension on the above basis is acceptable to your Government, I would appreciate receiving an expression of Your Excellency's opinion and agreement thereto as soon as may be worked out by officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and Industries and the Institute of Inter-American Affairs.

The Government of the United States of America will consider the present note and your reply note concurring therein as constituting an agreement between our two governments, which shall come into force on the date of signature⁴ of an agreement by the Secretary of State in charge of the portfolio of Agriculture and Industries of Costa Rica and by a representative of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs embodying the above-mentioned technical details.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

ANDREW E. DONOVAN II
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

His Excellency
Lic. GONZALO FACIO,
Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs,
San José.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship to the American Ambassador

[TRANSLATION]

REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS
AND WORSHIP

No. 1983-B

SAN JOSÉ, *October 5, 1948*

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to note No. 175 of the United States Embassy, dated August 27 of this year, regarding the extension of the agricultural cooperation program which is being carried out jointly by the Republic and the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, in connection with the proposal con-

⁴ The agreement was signed Aug. 30, 1948.

tained in note no. 1425-B of this Ministry that the Government of the United States agree to pay half the cost of the agricultural program which the Republic wishes to carry out by means of the Inter-American Technical Service of Agricultural Co-operation.

After the aforementioned note no. 175 had been transmitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, the latter stated, in communication no. 2383 dated the 29th of last month, that it was in complete agreement with the proposal of your Government and that it agreed to contribute the sum of \$420,000.00 (four hundred twenty thousand colones) for the execution of the agricultural co-operation program which will be extended to June 30 of next year.

In accordance with the foregoing, and in compliance with the wishes expressed in the note to which I am replying the next step in this matter would be the signature of the contemplated agreement by the Ministry of Agriculture and a representative of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

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His Excellency

NATHANIEL P. DAVIS

*Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the United States
City.*